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SUBJECT: MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPEAKS ON  
US-ARGENTINE RELATIONS

.. FOLLOWING IS VERBATIMTEXT OF INTERVIEW  
GIVEN BY FOREIGN MINISTER VICE ADMIRAL OSCAR  
ANTONIO MONTES TO REPORTED OF WEEKLY NEWS  
MAGAZINE "SIETE DIAS":

NOTE: ARGENTINA AND THE UNITED STATES

Q. IN WHAT MEASURE DID THE TAKING OVER OF THE  
PRESIDENCY BY JIMMY CARTER MODIFY THE  
SCHEME OF CONTINENTAL RELATIONS.  
CONSIDERING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HIS  
POLICIES AND THOSE OF HIS TWO PREDECESSORS--  
RICHARD NIXON AND GERALD FORD--WHO HAD GIVEN  
BRAZIL UNCONTESTED PRIORITY IN THE SOUTHERN  
CON?

A. LET ME MAKE, FIRST OF ALL, A DOGMATIC--IF YOU WISH--  
CLARIFICATION. THE INTERNATIONAL POLICY OF A  
COUNTRY IS BASED ON ITS NEED TO ASSOCIATE WITH

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THE BEST OF THE WORLD; THUS EACH NATION CREATES ITS OWN CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION AND ADOPTS THROUGHOUT THE YEARS DEFINITE RELATIONSHIPS. THIS POLICY, AS I MENTIONED BEFORE REFERRING TO OUR OWN COUNTRY, IS FREQUENTLY AFFECTED BY INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS-- IN THIS CASE PRESIDENTS COMING FROM DIFFERENT POLITICAL PARTIES--BUT THE BASIC TENDENCIES WHICH BACK THE NATIONAL INTEREST ARE NEVER RADICALLY MODIFIED. FOR THAT REASON ONE COULD NEVER SPEAK OF SUBSTANTIAL MODIFICATIONS

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3. QUOTE: HUMAN RIGHTS

Q. REFERRING TO HUMAN RIGHTS, WHAT WAS THE RESULT OF THE MEETING IN CARACAS BETWEEN PRESIDENT VIDELA AND TERENCE TODMAN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTERAMERICAN AFFAIRS?

A. IN THAT OPPORTUNITY LT. GEN. VIDELA EXPLAINED THE GOVERNMENT'S BASIC POSITION, ITS PROJECTS AND OBJECTIVES IN DIFFERENT SPHERES, SO THAT MR. TODMAN COULD GAIN THE BEST POSSIBLE KNOWLEDGE OF THE ARGENTINE REALITY.

Q. THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST ARGENTINA ON THE PROBLEM OF HUMAN RIGHTS IS DIMINISHING IN PRESSURE AND INTENSITY?

A. NO. THE AMERICAN POLICY IS VERY CLEAR IN THAT RESPECT AND THE ARGENTINE POSITION IS VERY CLEAR ALSO, I BELIEVE. AFTER THE MEETING OF THE OAS IN GRANADA. NEVERTHELESS, I UNDERSTAND THAT A BETTER KNOWLEDGE OF OUR COUNTRY AND OF THE ARGENTINE SITUATION ON THE PART OF THE US, WHICH COULD BE OBTAINED FROM THE VISIT OF TERENCE TODMAN AND FROM THE POSSIBLE VISIT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, CYRUS VANCE, IS GOING TO REDUCE SUBSTANTIALLY THE PRESSURE ON ARGENTINA ON THIS SUBJECT.

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